

# MAYOR AND COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

MARCH 28, 2006

FROM: CITY MANAGER



1. ROLL CALL: 5:34 p.m.

The City Clerk announced that Susie Rogers is in attendance to provide Spanish translation assistance for anyone who needs it.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert E. Walkup, Vice-Mayor Steve Leal, Council Members Jose J. Ibarra, Carol West, Karin Uhlich, Shirley Scott, and Nina J. Trasoff, Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk

STAFF MEMBERS: Mike Hein, City Manager  
Mike Letcher, Deputy City Manager  
Mike Rankin, City Attorney

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Reverend Tom Jelinek, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was presented by the entire assembly.

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<p>3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – MARCH28-06-150</p> <p>Council Member West announced that on Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM she is hosting a town hall on the subject of Beyond Bio-Fuels that is open to the public. There will be a number of alternative fuel vehicles on display and a presentation by Colleen Crowninshield at 7:15 PM.</p> <p>Council Member West announced that she is leading a landfill tour on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the public is invited to attend. For reservations call the Ward II office at 791-4687.</p>	

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<p>3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS – MARCH28-06-150 (Continued from previous page)</p> <p>Vice-Mayor Leal announced that on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the life and work of Cesar Chavez is being celebrated with a March and Rally starting from Pueblo High School at 11:30 AM. The march will then proceed down south 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, ending at Rudy Garcia Park</p>	
<p>4. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT: SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS MARCH28-06-151</p> <p>No report given.</p>	
<p>5. LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS – MARCH28-06-145</p> <p>COMITÉ DE FESTIVIDADES MEXICANAS, CITY # T12-06 ESCARAMUZA FLOR DE PRIMAVERA, CITY # T13-06 THE MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, CITY # T17-06</p> <p>Council Member Uhlich MOVED and it was duly seconded to direct staff to forward these applications to the State Liquor Board with recommendations for approval.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>
<p>6. <u>C O N S E N T A G E N D A</u></p> <p>A. REAL PROPERTY: GRANTING OF RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT TO PIMA COUNTY FOR SNYDER HILL ROAD MARCH28-06-147</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. 10263</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF FINANCE</u></p>
<p>B. CITY MAGISTRATES: APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL CITY MAGISTRATES – MARCH28-06-144</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. 10265</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>

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C. FINANCE: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND TRANSFER FOR  
THE CESAR E. CHAVEZ ANNUAL CELEBRATION –  
MARCH28-06-143

RESOLUTION NO. 20309

DIR. OF BUDGET  
AND RESEARCH

Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded that items on the  
Consent Agenda be approved and/or adopted and proper action taken.

Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.

7. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Tzadik Greenberg spoke about recent incidents at their weekly peace vigil  
outside the Military Recruitment Center. He feels that a counter-protesting  
group that has recently started showing up has employed tactics that have  
created an unsafe environment. He feels that the officer on duty did not do  
anything to address the situation or alleviate the unsafe environment, and  
requested a replacement officer.

Vice-Mayor Leal requested that the City Manager's  
Office investigate this issue to see if there is something  
that needs to be done.

Donna Warfield, the President of the Tucson Zoological Society presented a  
letter from the Society formally pledging 6.25 million towards the African  
expansion and the construction of the Conservation and Learning Center. She  
indicated that new research indicates that elephants in Accredited Zoos have  
life expectancies similar to elephants in the wild due to advanced science and  
husbandry, plus dedicated care.

Robert Reus expressed his belief that a City Manager government is a second  
rate form of government. He also requested that the City protect Access  
Tucson and suggested that the City solicit bids for other cable services for  
Tucson. He feels that Cox cable does not have the right to operate as a  
monopoly and that if other cable services are not available, and unless Cox  
Cable respects Access Tucson, people should unsubscribe to Cox Cable.

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Ehod Gavron feels that elephants should be cared for like we care for other dependents such as children and convicts, and supports sending the Reid Park Zoo elephants to the Sanctuary in Tennessee for their health purposes. He further stated that it would be unacceptable to allow diminished health and life expectancy to occur in a child care facilities or in prisons, and allowing this to happen to the elephants in the zoo is also unacceptable.

Sharon Foltz., a volunteer for the zoo, spoke about how dedicated zoo staff is and how well they care for the animals. She feels that the African expansion and Conservation and Learning center are a benefit to the community and provides many learning opportunities for the children.

Branden Paris spoke out in support of keeping the elephants at the Reid Park Zoo because he feels that splitting up the elephants would be harmful to their health due to stress. He also feels that it might set a precedent that could be applied toward other migratory animals such as giraffes, zebras and lions.

Michael Toney spoke about the buffelgrass problem and feels that it shouldn't just be taken out, but taken out by hand and replaced with sage or other compatible grasses which stabilize the soil on the uppers slopes. He also spoke about the TIF extension that looks to be on track, and expressed his happiness that it will be able to fund the projects originally covered in Proposition 14.

Nikia Fico spoke out in support of sending the Reid Park Zoo elephants to the Sanctuary in Tennessee. She also spoke the 11,000 signatures gathered in support of keeping the elephants at the zoo and presented a video clip of a docent indicating that no taxpayer monies would be used to support the expansion. She requests that the Mayor and Council add this to the agenda because she feels that all the factual information should be presented so fully informed decisions can be made.

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<p>7. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE (Continued from previous page)</p> <p>Ann Foster spoke out about changes made to the unruly gathering ordinance in March 2005, which altered the ordinance so that it does not differentiate between noise before 10:00 PM and after 10:00 PM. As a result of these changes, a 16th annual family and neighborhood Irish cultural gathering was red tagged before 10:00 PM on a Saturday evening because the police no longer had discretion even though it was a contained and controlled gathering. She requested the Mayor and Council add this topic to their agenda to review this ordinance, and volunteered to help in its review.</p> <p>Betsy Rollings commented on water distribution pressure tests in Barrio Viejo. She mentioned a 2005 report to Superior Court that indicates that in 7 of 9 blocks in Barrio Viejo, the water system does not hold pressure. She stated that recently a City Attorney and the Water director told a council member that the Barrio's water mains do hold pressure and do not leak. She requested any documentation that can validate these statements, and will be submitting a public record request on this topic.</p>	
<p>8. ZONING: (C9-04-15) DOS RIOS – ALVERNON WAY, C-2/I-1 TO R-2, ORDINANCE ADOPTION FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY – MARCH28-06-146</p> <p>ORDINANCE NO. 10264</p> <p>Vice-Mayor Leal MOVED and it was duly seconded to PASS and ADOPT Ordinance No. <u>10264</u>.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p>
<p>9. ZONING: (C9-05-08) STILLER – ESCALANTE ROAD, SR TO R-1, CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – MARCH28-06-148</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to approve the Zoning Examiner's recommendation.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p>

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<p>10. ZONING: (C9-05-30) HUTCHISON – HOUGHTON ROAD I-2 TO I-1, CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – MARCH28-06-149</p> <p>Council Member Scott MOVED and it was duly seconded to approve the Zoning Examiner’s recommendation.</p> <p>Motion PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0.</p>	<p><u>DIR. OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u></p>
<p>11. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS – MARCH28-06-152</p> <p>Vice-Mayor Leal announced his personal appointment of Zach MacDonald to the Pima County Tucson Bicycle Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Council Member Trasoff announced her personal appointment of Brad Holland to the Planning Commission.</p> <p>Council Member West reminded the council that the Magistrate Merit Commission is in need of appointees as they are having trouble making a quorum.</p>	<p><u>CITY CLERK</u></p>
<p>12. ADJOURNMENT: 6:21 p.m.</p> <p>The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers, City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson, Arizona.</p>	